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VIENNA PASS TO SALZBURG

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SUBJECT: SENGHOR DEPARTS FOR SALZBURG

1. SUMMARY: SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR IS SPENDING JULY 23-27 IN SALZBURG, PRIOR TO REPAIRING TO NORMANDY TO WAIT OUT HIVECCAGE. TIES TO AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY HAVE BECOME IMPORTANT TO SENGHOR IN CONTEXT OF ACCESSION OF SENEGAL'S PARTI SOCIALISTE TO SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, AND SENEGAL HAS JUST NAMED CALUDE MADEMBA SY AS ITS FIRST RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN VIENNA. SY IS CAREER ARMY OFFICER WHO REMAINS DYNAMIC FIGURE DESPITE PROLONGED DIPLOMATIC EXILE. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT SENGHOR DEPARTED DAKAR JULY 23 FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT TO AUSTRIA TO OPEN SALZBURG MOZART FESTIVAL. HE IS  
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GUEST OF PROVINCE OF SALZBURG, WHERE HE WILL REMAIN THROUGHOUT VISIT, THOUGH TALKS WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY ARE ANTICIPATED, ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN EMBASSY. SENGHOR WILL THEN PROCEED TO HIM HOME IN NORMANDY, AND IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN EUROPE FOR ABOUT SEVEN WEEKS.

3. ON JULY 12 SENEGALESE CABINET NAMED CALUDE MADEMBA SY

AS NATION'S FIRST RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA. SY WILL ALSO PROBABLY BE ACCREDITED TO UN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA IN COURSE OF TIME. OPENING OF EMBASSY IN AUSTRIA IS PART OF CONTINUING EXPANSION OF SENEGALESE EUROPEAN PRESENCE, FOLLOWING RECENT ASSIGNMENT OF RESIDENT AMBASSADORS TO LISBON AND BELGRADE. AUSTRIANS HAVE BEEN CULTIVATING SENEGALESE THROUGH MAJOR ARTISTIC EXHIBITIONS IN DAKAR, WHILE SENGHOR'S RELATIONS WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY HAVE ASSUMED NEW IMPORTANCE WITH SENEGAL'S ACCESSION TO SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL.

4. BORN IN 1923, SY HAS HAD DISTINGUISHED MILITARY CAREER. HE FOUGHT AS VOLUNTEER WITH FREE FRENCH FORCES IN EUROPE AND NORTH AFRICA IN WORLD WAR II, SERVED IN INDOCHINA, COMMANDED SENEGALESE ARMY BATTALION IN (THEN) CONGO IN 1960, AND ROSE TO RANK OF COLONEL BEFORE BEING REMOVED FROM LOCAL SCENE IN FEUD WITH (FORMER) ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF. SY SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED OUTSIDE SENEGAL AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UAM (AFRICAN-MALGACHE UNION) COMMON DEFENSE ORGANIZATION, SENEGALESE MILITARY ATTACHE IN FRANCE, AND SUCCESSIVELY AS AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA, ROME AND TUNIS, BEFORE RESIGNING IN 1973 AFTER FALLING-OUT WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR. HE SERVED MOST RECENTLY WITH UN IN NEW YORK AS INTADREGIONAL ADVISOR FOR RESOURCES AND TRANSPORT DIVISION.

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5. SY'S AMBITION, DYNAMISM AND POTENTIAL AS POLITICAL FIGURE HAVE THUS LONG KEPT HIM IN VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC EXILES. HOWEVER, HIS OWN STAYING POWER AND RESILIENCE ARE ALSO EVIDENT AND HE SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE AMBASSADOR. SY IS ARTICULATE, OUTSPOKENLY ANTI-COMMUNIST OFFICER WHO HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL TO AMERICANS IN PAST POSTS, INCLUDING KINSHASA WHERE HE WAS WELL KNOWN TO AMBASSADOR COHEN.

6. FURTHER BIOGRAPHIC DETAILS BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY VIENNA. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY COMMENTS ON SY WHICH USUN MAY HAVE, AND ANY IMPRESSIONS WHICH VIENNA FORMS DURING SY'S SERVICE THERE.  
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